

Thursday 31st October 2019

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EKETAHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Preparing today's child for tomorrow's world - Whakakaha ngā tamariki mo apopo

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Tēnā Koutou, tēnā Koutou, tēnā Koutou Katoa

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Spring Show tomorrow - fingers crossed for a fine day!

SCHOOL DONATIONS 2020

I would like to thank the community for the support it has given Eketahuna School over many years in the form of school donations paid at the start of the year. We will not be asking for direct donations in 2020 and instead be taking up the Government's offer of funding \$150 per year per student. Parents will still be required to pay for stationery, uniform items and out of school sports fees. However, day trips and swimming lessons will no longer be charged to parents. School camps will need to be partly funded by parents but with this new government support we will be able to lower the cost to parents substantially. We try to make whatever we do as affordable as possible for families. If parents choose not to pay for extra activities like camps we may not be able to offer them in the future.



SPRING SHOW ON TOMORROW:

Coming home today is the programme for the day and a map of the school showing where all events are taking place. Below is the back up plan if the weather is unkind and we have rain on the day - please read carefully and note that NO animals will be brought to school in the event of rain.

WET WEATHER PLAN

7:30am: Decision made and posted on Facebook/ School Loop

9am – 10:30am: Morning programme remains the same with students completing exhibits in class

10:30am – 11am: Morning Tea

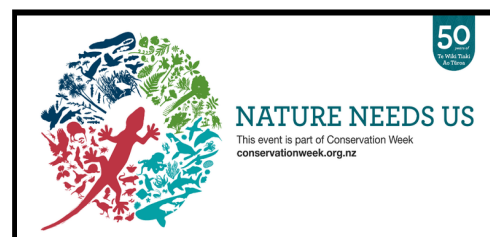
11am - 12:30pm: Children and their **SHEEP** only to the Woodhouse Farm (**NB: NO animals at school**)

1pm Lunch at school with classes and hall open to view, along with Sausage sizzle, café, bake sale etc

CONSERVATION WEEK - TE WIKI TIAKI AO TUROA

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Conservation Week, a national event that encourages people to become actively involved in being guardians / kaitiaki of ecosystems and the taonga that reside within them. We missed it last term due to production and have committed to a special 'Eke School' Conservation Week! All classes have their own focus for the week, next week. Room 1 will be doing a unit on 'Drains are for Rain' looking at how we can stop pollution getting into our oceans. Room 2 & Room 3 are studying native butterflies and creating a 'Butterfly Garden' here at school.

Room 5 & Room 6 are breaking into three groups and will look at establishing a school wide recycling system, making bird feeders to encourage our native birds, climate change and sustainable vegetable gardening. Lots of fantastic 'hands on' activities to support our local flora and fauna! We look forward to updating you next week!



DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY USER AGREEMENT

We have spent time creating user agreements for parents and students which came home 2 weeks ago. Please take time to read through these with your children. The forms will need to be signed and returned to school. There is a class reward to the room that gets all their forms returned first, so get them back as soon as possible!

Diary:

Friday 31st: Lucky Book Club Due

Friday 1st November: Spring Show

Monday 4th November: Eke Conservation Week starts!

Tuesday 5th November: Skate Project Sessions start TBC

Friday 8th November: School Assembly Room 2

Wednesday 13th November: Year 7 & 8 Technology

Thursday 14th November: Road Patrol Movie Treat

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CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

It is great seeing everyone at the school Celebration Assemblies each Friday, in the hall at 2:10PM. It's a great opportunity to share the successes children have had throughout the week. Please note there is no assembly tomorrow due to Spring Show.

**Class Awards – Star Student:**

Given to a student by their teacher to acknowledge the great work done in class and related to learning throughout the week:

Room 1: Shelby Tairoa
Room 2: Hunter Rankin
Room 3: Madison Rankin
Room 5: Romeo Cherry
Room 6: @ camp

Caught Being Good Award – Duffy Book:

Given to a student by their teacher in recognition of outstanding behaviour that exemplifies our school values and expectations:

Room 1: Noah Trass
Room 2: Solomon Hotereni
Room 3: Bella Ifill
Room 5: Emma Drysdale
Room 6: @ camp

Principal's Award: Room 5 for all their hard work covering senior duties while Room 6 was away at camp!

**BOOK AMNESTY**

We are asking for all Eketahuna School junior readers and library books to be returned. Please have a hunt around your homes for any books you might have that belong to School - drop them into the school office - **NO** questions asked! The 'missing books' can add up to be a costly item, eg, junior readers alone are worth around \$10 each and with many going home nightly never to return, it is a cost to the school. All returned books will be appreciated - thanks.

BUSH 'AG DAY'

THE BUSH DISTRICT AG DAY IS ON THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER. THIS YEAR THERE ARE ANIMAL REGISTRATION FORMS THAT NEED TO BE FILLED OUT BEFORE THE DAY. THE FORMS CAN BE COLLECTED FROM DENISE IN THE OFFICE, AND NEED TO BE RETURNED BY TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER SO THEY CAN BE SENT THROUGH.

**HATS & SUNSCREEN**

OUR SUN SAFETY POLICY REQUIRES HATS TO BE WORN IN TERM 4. IT IS BEGINNING TO HEAT UP, SO A GOOD IDEA IS TO HAVE YOUR CHILD BRING A HAT (NAMED) THAT CAN BE LEFT AT SCHOOL, THEREFORE AVOIDING SPENDING THEIR BREAKS ON THE DECK IN THE SHADE. THANK YOU.

**SPORTS UNIFORM:**

IT IS GREAT TO SEE THE EFFORT MOST STUDENTS HAVE GONE TO IN ENSURING THEY ARE IN THE CORRECT UNIFORM AT OUR AFTER SCHOOL GAMES, FOR THOSE WITHOUT YOU NEED TO HAVE A SPORT SHIRT WHICH ARE STILL AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE.



Thanks to everyone involved in making our senior camp so memorable last week. A fantastic experience for all our students!

**SUMMER HOCKEY - Tuesday 5th November**

Eketahuna 1 (U13)
Vs Pahiatua 15
@ 4.55pm on Turf 4
M Redington (Coach)

Eketahuna 2 (13)
Vs Pahiatua 14
@ 4.20pm on Turf 1
J Bengston (Coach)

Eketahuna 3 (U11)
vs St Ants Yellow
@ 3.55pm on Turf 2
J&M Governor (Coach)

Eketahuna 4 (U9)
vs St Ants Red
@ 3:30pm on Turf 2
S. Manson (Coach)

Eketahuna 5 (U7)
Vs Pahiatua 2
@ 3.30pm on Turf 1A
M. Dennison (Coach)

**CRICKET - Saturday 2nd November**

Eketahuna Typhoons vs TBC via Facebook

Eketahuna Tornadoes vs TBC Via Facebook

Nga mihi,
Melinda and the Eketahuna School Team

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2019 Weekly Update

Room 1

We enjoyed presenting in assembly last week. The children have gotten so much more confident than they were, when I think back to Term 1.

Spring show and Pet day is tomorrow. Please ensure you have read all the information you need to before tomorrow. Remember to bring all the things that are needed to make the exhibits.

We have started to learn about fractions in Maths, ask you children if they want their sandwiches cut into halves or quarters.

Looking forward to seeing you on Friday.

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. Jo

Room 2

From the children, this is what we have been upto this week:

- Some people have been learning to use known basic facts to solve unknown basic fact problems.
- Some people have been going to the learning lab for maths.
- We have been learning how to put our sentences into categories.
- Some of us have been practising reading around a word to figure out an unknown word.
- We have been measuring in mm, cm, m for our butterfly garden, which we will create.
- Some of us have been summarising our reading.
- We have been getting ready for pet day with our painted pet rock.
- And lastly we have been learning what we need to do in an earthquake

From all the children in Room 2, have a good safe halloween tonight. We might see you at the halloween disco.

Room 3

We have been busy this week finishing our plan for the butterfly garden and everyone is very excited.

In partnership with Room 2, we videoed our presentation today and wrote letters to Melinda, requesting the vital funds! She has said that she will give it some serious thought :&

Our trip to the Butterfly House in Pahiataua is planned for 5 December, and we are all really hyped for Spring show tomorrow. Look forward to seeing you all there :)

Carol

Room 5

The class is on one seriously enthusiastic high! The Nireaha disco tonight's created much of the buzz, with Learning Lab *carbon dioxide* experiments and tomorrow's Spring Show creating the rest of the buzz.

We've been getting stuck into percentages also, converting fractions to decimals and studying the world of School Journals, commonly misspelt words and all that needs to be correct for Athletics. In our 'SVA' (Student Volunteer Army) time, we're lining up our Eke School Conservation Week - with bird feeders, bird houses and sustainable veggie gardens with Jo, along with the development of a very *balanced* perspective regards climate change, with Mrs Whitburn.

Room 6: Hi everyone. Room 6 is back and ready for another exciting term of fun and learning. Camp was an amazing experience. Thank you again to the wonderful parents who gave up their time to attend camp with us. Lots of experiences and memories were created throughout the week. Thank you to my lovely colleagues who 'covered' all my duties while we were away. Morning tea shout is in the pipeline!!!

Spring Show: Room 6 students are getting prepared for our creations in class and our annual Ice Cream Soda Pop Up Stores. Spiders will be \$2 each with a variety of different flavours. **Cup Cakes:** 6 need to be brought in, along with the items they are going to decorate with. I will supply and make the icing in class. **Lego Creations** - supplied from home. **Flowers** in an unusual container to be supplied from home. **Scarecrow:** I have hay and some bamboo sticks. Students are to bring in their items to dress their scarecrow. Students are expected to be in class creating. They are to select two of the activities to create. On Monday we will be walking to the Recycling Area in the afternoon in preparation for Conservation Week.

Have a great week.

Roseanne

Leaders Report

The Y5-6 team who meet in the R5 Leadership Lounge every Wednesday lunchtime have opted into being part of the Student



Volunteer Army - a national initiative that arose during the major Christchurch earthquake. We're at the stage where the whole class can get involved working with an idea that can benefit our community. We're about to find out who gets such roles such as Platoon Leaders, Logistics Officers, Caterers and Finance Officers - to name a few.

EKETAHUNA TOWN LIBRARY:

Welcome to our first "Library Check-in". Have you visited your local Eketahuna Library recently? I know we see a lot of your smiling faces there on a regular basis, but there's many we don't see! Don't be shy to pop in just to say hello - or maybe catch up on current events by checking out the newspapers. Keep an eye on the newsletter for what's happening at the library over the coming months! Have a great weekend.

Claire & Corrina



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You can help your child's learning every day, by supporting and encouraging them and being excited by their learning. Here are some ideas to keep them developing their literacy and numeracy skills at home - keep checking weekly to see new suggestions . . .

Vocabulary Games:

Visit Vocabulary Games to play a wide range of games that are designed to improve your vocabulary skills and word knowledge. To visit the site go to: <http://www.vocabulary.co.il/>

NZ Maths Family Page:

This page from the NZ Maths website has a lot of information, games, resources and activities to help children and families with their maths. To visit the site go to: <https://nzmaths.co.nz/families>

FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER



BAKE SALE

HOME AND SCHOOL ARE ONCE AGAIN RUNNING THEIR VERY POPULAR CAFÉ AND BAKE SALE. WE ARE ASKING EVERY FAMILY TO PROVIDE A PLATE OF BAKED OR BOUGHT GOODS FOR OUR CAFÉ.

PLEASE BRING ALONG ON THE DAY OR DROP INTO THE OFFICE.

MANY THANKS!

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SCHOOL LIBRARY & READING BOOKS



PLEASE CHECK AT HOME FOR any SCHOOL LIBRARY and READING BOOKS and return TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Agenda for the Board Of Trustee's Meeting

The Agenda for the BOT meeting on the 7th November will close on

Thursday 31st October at 9pm.

If you have any items you feel should be on the BOT agenda please contact Maree Redington (376 6843) before this time.

Any items for the BOT agenda will need to be accompanied by a written outline, so the BOT can prepare any information they need to constructively discuss these items.

Home and School Calf Scheme

On behalf of the Home and School committee thank you for the generous donations of calves for the calf scheme this year. We are looking for a few more grazers to take on these calves. If you can help out ring:
Kirby Duffy 375 8119 or Jacqui Anderson 375 8101.

